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United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region IV
Attn: Camp Lejeune Remedial
Project Management (Ms. Michelle Glenn)
345 Courtland Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30365

Re: MCB Camp Lejeune Installation Restoration Program;
Notification of New Site (Camp Johnson Battery Dump)

Dear Ms. Glenn:

In accordance with Section XIV, REPORTING of the Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA), we declare the Camp Johnson Battery Dump aboard the Base to be a "Significant New Site Condition" as defined in Section III. DEFINITIONS of the FFA. Conditions at the Camp Johnson Battery Dump that warrant this declaration are identified as follows:

a. Recent road repairs in this area unearthed numerous piles of decomposed batteries thought to have been used in military communication equipment during the Korean era. These batteries seem to be of alkaline composition, but this has not been confirmed.

b. Military personnel utilizing this area also recently discovered discarded charcoal canisters from old air purifying respirators. Due to chromium loadings that exceed hazardous waste characteristic levels, we handle newer charcoal canister types as hazardous waste. These older canisters are likely to have the same potential.

We intend to conduct a Site Investigation of this area during the time at which we conduct Site Inspections at other sites, as identified in the Site Management Plan.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Byron Brant, MCB Camp Lejeune Remedial Project Manager, at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

P. A. Rakowski

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Head

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